The people did not think that the Popular Assembly was a farce or child's play, or that the Members were actors in that farce. Even since the inception of the Assembly, and more especially in the present administration, there had been a marked improvement in the relation between the public servants and the people. The public servants now entertained a feeling of awe and respect for their official superiors and they were discharging their duties conscientiously and satisfactorily. The representations of the people were all receiving careful and minute attention at the hands of the Government and redress was always readily granted to the extent possible. But, if swayed by a feeling of dissatisfaction that *all* the requests made were not *at once* complied with, any one thought or said that the Assembly was a sham, or that the Members thereof were a privileged body of petitioners, or that the policy of the Government was utterly wrong, surely that could never constitute the *general* opinion either of the Assembly or the public, and he assured the Government that it was not the case. When approaching the Government with a representation of the requirements of the people of any locality, it would certainly not be out of place to give expression to their gratitude; and the consciousness of such a feeling was the justification for the few words he had spoken.

The Member said that the road mentioned above was 8 miles in length, and within that distance, there were three rivers, *viz.*, the Kulakkada, the Pampa and the Manimala, besides two other small canals, to be crossed. The inconveniences felt by the people for want of bridges at those places were great, but the most urgent need was a small bridge over the Kulakkada river at the beginning of the Mavelikara-Pulikeezh road. He also pointed out that the people had incessantly to cross the river and pass over to the southern side owing to the existence of two English High Schools, two Vernacular Higher Grade Elementary Schools, the hospita and the public offices there. There were several markets also on the southern side of the river. He therefore requested that the Government might be pleased to sanction the early construction of a bridge over that part of the river.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

65. The necessity for constructing a jetty at the Mavelikara Arattukadavu.

Mr. P. K. Koshi (Member, T. I. C., Mavelikara) said that the landing place known as the Mavelikara—Arattukadavu was on the side of the Mavelikara river. The flight of steps and the Mantapam at the landing had fallen down. The landing place was a magnificent one and many boats landed there. The public offices at Mavelikara were within a mile from it. He therefore requested that a jetty might be constructed at the place.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

66. Improvement of the means of communication in the Chengannur taluk.

Mr. Koshi Thomas (Member, Chengannur taluk) said that the people of the taluk were very grateful to the Government for having given them the important public offices, schools &c. But he regretted that, in the matter of communications, the taluk had been neglected, though it occupied the first place in point of area. The Main Central Road crossed the taluk over a distance of ten miles. There was no other road worth mentioning. There were several village roads, but none of them had been made cartable. The Member said that he would confine his attention to one road in the current session, and that was the village road from the Kulanada market on the 67th mile of the M. C. Road to the 8th mile of the Adur-Omallur road. It was only 7 miles in length. There were on the line three cattle fairs, three weekly fairs, a *Proverthi* cutcherry and several temples, churches and schools. The road was therefore an important one. He requested that it might be made a cartable road. He added that, if the Government would acquire the lands and construct the culverts on the line, the people would be ready to start and do the work themselves. He then presented a petition signed by the inhabitants of the locality containing the same prayer.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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